(c) whether these Power Projects will be taken up as a joint venture or by private participation from that country alone; and

(d) whether modalities for such participation have been decided upon and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The proposal of setting up a Joint Working Group between India and Australia in the power sector is presently under consideration. This Working Group would identify areas and modalities of cooperation.

Aid sought from World Bank

2775. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sought US dollars 30 million from the World Bank for the Global Environmental Facility, recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the reaction of World Bank to this request from his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

देश में चैकोस्लोवाकिया से सहायता प्राप्त विद्युत परियोजनाओं की संख्या

2776. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री वेंकल "उत्साही":

क्या विद्युत और गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि देश में चैकोस्लोवाकिया की सहायता से स्थापित की गई विद्युत परियोजनाओं की राज्यवार संख्या कितनी है?

विद्युत और गैर पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय): चैकोस्लोवाकिया की सहायता से भारत में कोई विद्युत परियोजना स्थापित नहीं की गई है।

Doubts About Commercial Viability of NPTC

2777. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the date of creation of the National Power Transmission Corporation;

(b) whether it is a fact that International Financial Institutions the World Bank and the Japanese lenders including the International Bank of Japan, the Exim Bank and the OECF have separately raised questions about the commercial viability of the above Corporation;

(c) if so, what is his reaction thereto; and

(d) what is its impact on the proposed transfer of entire transmission and distribution work to the country to this new Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) National Power Transmission Corporation has been incorporated on 23.10.89 under the Companies Act.

(b) to (d) The World Bank, Japanese lenders including International Bank of Japan, the Exim Bank and Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) have been approached for their concurrence for the transfer of the transmission and associated works of NTPC, NHPC and NEEPCO to National Power Transmission Corporation

(NPTC). The clarification sought by these institutions has been furnished and their reaction is favourable. The concurrence of these institutions will enable for smooth de-jure transfer of transmission assets from the above Central Power Generating Undertakings to NPTC.

Number of Unelectrified Villages in U.P.

2778. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh which have not so far been electrified; and

(b) by when these will be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) As per the available information as on 31.8.1991, 29,855 villages remained unelectrified in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) The remaining villages are likely to be electrified in the normal course, in future, subject to availability of funds and other inputs.

Cost Price of Power being Produced by SEBs

2779. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the MINISTER OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost price of power being produced by different State Electricity Boards in the country statewise;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to reduce the cost-price of power produced by different Electricity Boards; and

(c) what is the cost price of power produced by NTPC and CEA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The state-wise cost of power produced by the State Electricity Boards based on their accounts for the year ended 31.3.90 is given in Statement-I and the station-wise cost of power produced by NTPC is given in Statement-II. CEA does not produce power. The Boards have been requested to take measures, such as, reduction in auxiliary consumption, reducing fuel consumption and increase the plant load factor, to reduce the cost of generation.

Statement — I

Average cost of Generation and Supply by Seabs for the year Ended March, 1990.

Sl. No.	SEBs	Average Rage (Ps/KWH)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	73.52
2.	Bihar	121.41
3.	Gujarat	119.32
4.	Haryana	87.32
5.	Himachal Pradesh	75.85
6.	Karnataka	83.19
7.	Kerala	70.15
8.	Madhya Pradesh	91.26
9.	Maharashtra	105.05
10.	Orissa	81.30
11.	Punjab	95.99
12.	Rajasthan	111.52
13.	Tamil Nadu	110.40
14.	Uttar Pradesh	112.10
15.	West Bengal	139.22
16.	Assam	247.94
17.	Meghalaya	103.36
	Total Average :	102.10